

TO: Mr. Anthony M. Riley, Acting Division Chief, Division of Workforce
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Subject: **CRRSA use of funds**

Tanana Chiefs Conference operating under 477 Plan will provide the following services in accordance with the Tanana Chiefs Conference 477 approved plan and policies as applicable.

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

The Tanana Chiefs Conference does plan to use the CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services including, but not limited to;

- Childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees
- Emergency responders
- Sanitation workers
- Farm and other food service workers
- and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

The Tanana Chiefs Conference 477 program will use CRRSA funds to provide resources for the following, but not limited to;

- Supplies
- Technical assistance to childcare providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line the guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

The Tanana Chiefs Conference 477 program will use CRRSA funds to, but are not limited to;

- Support the stability of the childcare sector to help childcare providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The 477 program will follow the approved plan and any approved tribal policy that is applicable. .

Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

The Tanana Chiefs Conference 477 program will follow their approved plan and policy and procedures in providing services to CCDF eligible providers. Tanana Chiefs Conference will provide a small stipend to selected child care providers not in the subsidy program, prior to the pandemic, to help with additional costs with a signed assurance that they will not double dip.

Other

The Tanana Chiefs Conference approved 477 plan, approved waivers, and policy and procedures will be used to determine eligible expenses other than what is determined in the above statements.

If the Tanana Chiefs Conference 477 program determines the funds will be used for construction, then a construction/renovation application will be sent in no later than July 1, 2021. A portion of the funds will assist rural providers with minor renovations to address health and safety mandates. For example, funds could be used to repair damaged windows or doors which could be hazardous to children in care. other possibilities would be to repair carpets, floors, paint, or other small minor repairs deemed necessary to provider safe home.

Sincerely,

Tanana Chiefs Conference

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